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NICARAGUA.

*Reports from Bluefields.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *September 24, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report: Since my last report, 4 vessels, all bound for New Orleans, the *Rover* with 8, the *Hiram* with 2, the *Fulton* with 3, and the *Breiford* with no passengers, have been inspected and cleared from this port.

During last week 4 deaths were recorded as having taken place in Bluefields; 1 infant, cause unknown; 1 adult of dysentery, 1 adult of malarial fever, and 1 adult of phthisis. There still remain a few cases of malarial fever in town, but the general health of the place and vicinity is good.

Respectfully, yours,

D. W. GOODMAN,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *October 1, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit my weekly report as follows: Three vessels have been inspected and cleared, all for New Orleans—the steamship *Jarl*, no passengers; steamship *Alabama*, 2 passengers, and the steamship *Suldal*, no passengers.

During the past week 1 death has been registered in Bluefields, an adult Chinaman, of œdema of the lungs. I know of no change in the good health conditions of this port and vicinity.

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SANITARY REPORTS FROM OTHER PORTS.

AFRICA.

*Mysterious disease at Magudo, sixty miles from Lourenzo Marquez.*LOURENZO MARQUEZ, *August 24, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that late on Saturday, the 19th instant, the secretary general here advised the consuls that a mysterious disease had appeared among the natives at Magudo, a native village some 60 miles north of this port.

On Saturday evening I called upon the governor-general, and he explained to me that some 30 kafirs had died at Magudo during the past fortnight; that the nature of the disease from which they died was unknown; that a Government doctor had been sent to Magudo to investigate, and that as soon as any other information concerning this disease was received he would immediately communicate it to me. Upon nothing more substantial than the foregoing the majority of the inhabitants of this town simply went off their heads, and the wildest rumors were circulated and believed. It was stated, for instance, that the kafirs were dying of the plague by the hundreds in their kraals back of the town. This report was seized upon by the press correspondents and telegraphed all over South Africa. In consequence, the Castle Line steamer that arrived on Monday morning established a most rigid